

Facts & Figures

A photograph of three fishermen on a boat. They are wearing work clothes and orange gloves, handling large fish. The background shows the boat's structure and a cloudy sky.

Unemployment Insurance Program January-December 2016

UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

- Total Alaskan seasonally adjusted labor force was 360,179.
- Total number of people receiving an Unemployment Insurance (UI) payment for at least one week was 43,017.
- Average weekly amount paid out to claimants was \$273.
- Statewide seasonally adjusted unemployment rate averaged 6.7 percent — lowest in January-April at 6.6 percent and highest in October at 6.9 percent.
- The UI program collected \$1,425,946 in overpaid benefits from fraudulent claims, \$465,934 in penalties for fraud and \$1,711,102 in other overpaid benefits.
- Total benefit dollars paid for this period was \$136,016,371.
- Largest daily UI payout was \$2,927,613, paid on Feb. 16, 2016.
- 98 percent of clients used automated systems to file their biweekly claims.

- Claim centers responded to 159,187 phone calls from claimants.

TAX

- 18,553 employers were registered in Alaska.
- 69 percent of registered employers had fewer than 10 employees.
- More than 72,260 Contribution Reports were processed.
- \$139,401,300 was deposited in the UI Tax Trust Account.
- \$20,290,241 was collected and deposited into the accounts of the State Training and Employment Program and Alaska Technical and Vocational Education Program.
- More than 1,532,827 quarterly wage records were added to the wage file.
- More than \$2,469,785 was refunded to Alaska employers who overpaid their taxes.



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